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Re: docket number TMD-94-00-2

Dear Ms. Stommes,

This letter is to reflect my dismay at the USDA's Proposed Rules on the National Organic Program. As written, the Proposed Rules will destroy my confidence as a consumer in both the term "organic" and the ability of the government to regulate the safety and health of the American People. The issue of organic standards is complicated, and therefore I am forced to rely on experts I trust.

The comments on the following pages are very important to me. Please take them seriously.

Basically the USDA's Proposed Rule contradicts the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. A major concern of mine is that consumers, myself included, will lose the high standard of organic foods we have come to accept as the norm. The USDA Proposed Organic Rule as written would take the Organic Foods Production Act and destroy its meaning to farmers and consumers alike. The USDA has usurped the authority of the National Organic Standards Board.
This is a serious situation!

Therefore I ask the USDA to modify The Proposal to reflect the many years of good work done by the National Organics Standards Board and organic producers around the nation. As a consumer, I want to have faith in standards that the USDA would implement. I do not want to distrust The Proposal, which appears to be a reflection of less-than-above-board corporate input. I look forward to a high standard for organic food that as a consumer I have come to expect.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,